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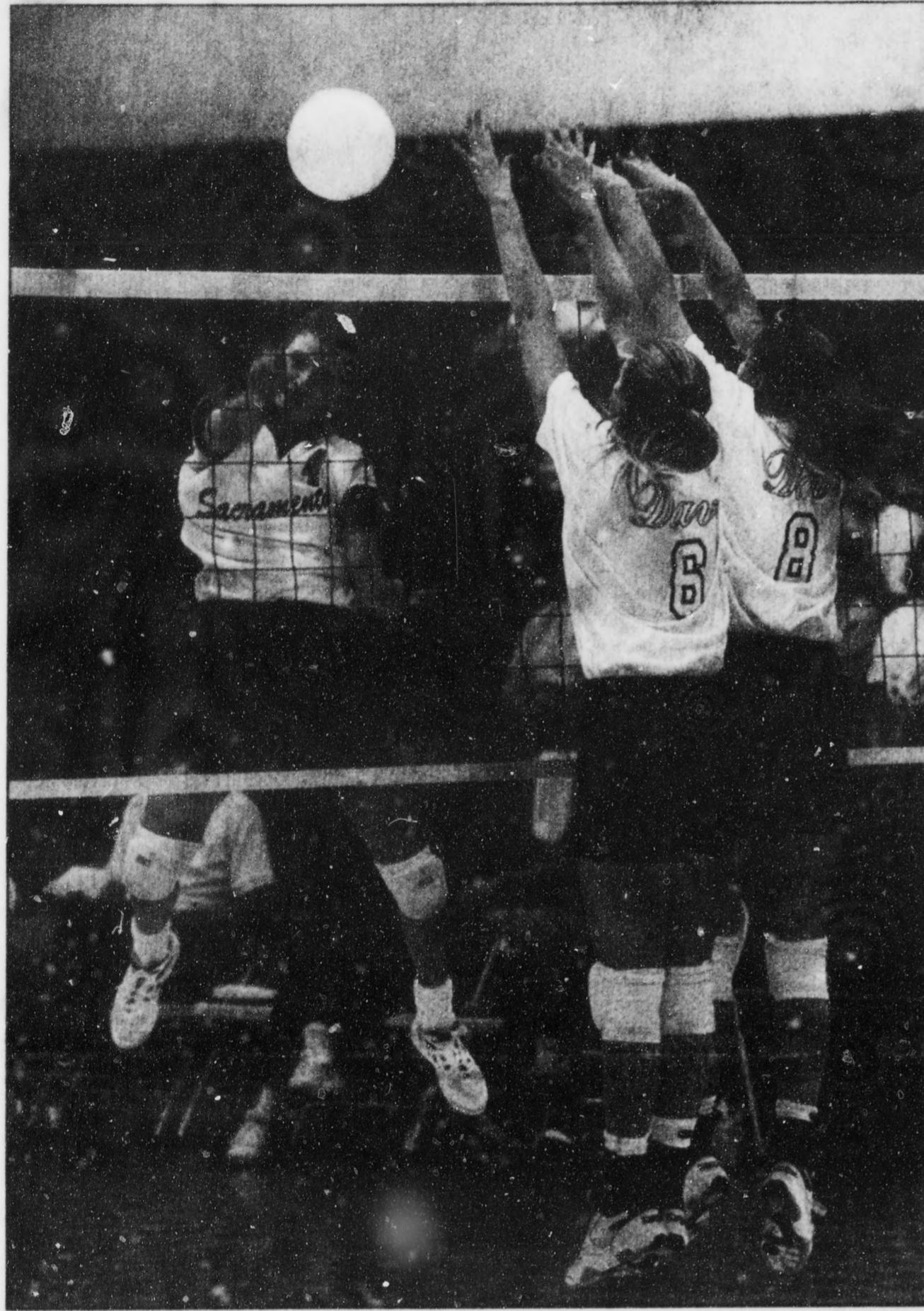
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Athletics faces deadline, students face fee hikes



Sac State Hornet player Shannon Melville, #4, a senior in Physical Education, spikes a ball in Thursday night's volleyball match. Volleyball, along with every other program in the Athletics Department, is holding its breath in anticipation of a Dec. 1 deadline to raise \$200,000 or face cutbacks.

Leaders from Camp Sister Spirit speak out at CSUS

By CRYSTAL ROSS
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Brenda and Wanda Henson, a lesbian couple from Ovett, Miss., shared their personal experiences involving violence against lesbians in a lecture presented by the Sacramento State's Women's Studies department on campus Tuesday.

The presentation was part of a celebration of National Coming Out Day—a day designated for lesbians and gays to come out of the closet and reveal their sexual orientation to their friends and family.

The couple spoke to an audience of approximately fifty people about the violence and intolerance that they have endured because of their community organization called Camp Sister Spirit. They are currently touring the country giving lectures on their experiences and have been featured on "Oprah," "The Jerry Springer Show" and "20/20."

Bethania Gonzalez, an associate professor of Women's Studies, arranged for the women to come to the university. She said that she has continually kept in contact with the Henson's while they have been traveling and was pleased that they could speak on campus.

Camp Sister Spirit is located on 120 acres near Ovett, Miss.—a town of about 200 people. According to the Henson's, the camp was set up as a place for education, outreach and

social services for the community. Funding for the camp came from four years of fundraising and a grant from Lesbian National Resources—an organization that funds land purchase, arts and small cottage industries for lesbians. There are currently six people living on the land and the camp has visitors from all over the world.

According to Brenda Henson, trouble began last November when her daughter found a dead puppy on their mailbox. The puppy had been shot and bandaged with a sanitary napkin. Soon after, they began to receive threatening phone calls. Then Brenda was run off the road by another car while driving home.

"I was absolutely terrified," Brenda said. "I believed that this person wanted to kill me."

After these incidents, the women at the camp went on the defensive. They built a fence around the land, traveled in twos, carried walkie-talkies and set up lights around the perimeter of the camp.

Brenda Henson said that when nothing was done when they contacted the local sheriff's department about the incidents, the sheriff said the problem was that "people in the community think that there are lesbians living up on that land."

Wanda said most of the opposition came from a group called Mississippi for Family Values and local preachers who were concerned about

the "immoral acts" in the camp.

According to her, the groups began to look for ways to prosecute Camp Sister Spirit under Mississippi's cohabitation and sodomy laws, which prohibit homosexual acts. "They believe that they have a right to run us out of town," Wanda said. "But Mississippi is my home and I don't want to leave—I don't want to be a refugee."

Wanda said she became really petrified when local news programs sensationalized the situation at the camp, comparing it to the compound at Waco, Texas.

In November, town members began circulating a newsletter from Camp Sister Spirit, asking for supporters of their organization, and describing the camp's programs. According to Brenda, the residents of Ovett began to fear that "lesbians were going to take over the town."

Brenda said that the town held a meeting where people were quoted by local newsmen as saying that the women of the camp were "going to take little girls up there and do God knows what" and the divorce rate was going to go up. According to Brenda, one prominent man said he was afraid for his pregnant sister to drive past the camp for fear that the women would "mark her baby."

According to Brenda, the situation had deteriorated so badly that

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By DONALD DIRKS
HORNET SPORTS EDITOR

Associated Students Inc. President Stephen Henderson met with Athletic Director Lee McElroy Wednesday to discuss an unprecedented raise in student fees to help support the athletics department. Athletics is facing a deadline of Dec. 1 to raise \$200,000 or face cutbacks in the program.

In Wednesday's meeting, Henderson and McElroy agreed to ask for an extension of the deadline imposed by university President Donald Gerth to put together a referendum asking students to raise fees to help support athletics.

According to Henderson, the deadline is unrealistic. To get a referendum on the Spring ballot, the deadline needs to be pushed back in order to assemble a campaign to raise student fees, he said.

"We have to see if the deadline is set in stone and see if we can set it back," Henderson said.

The referendum would ask students to raise the current activity fee of \$38 per semester to a yet-to-be decided amount. Currently, \$14 of the \$38 is given to athletics to fund intercollegiate sports. The remaining \$24 goes to various student activities governed by ASI.

In an address to the university faculty in August, Gerth said he wants to eventually remove all general fund support for athletics.

But Henderson said, "I don't think the students should be required to foot the entire bill."

In November, Gerth gave a Dec. 1

ultimatum to the athletics department to raise \$200,000 in scholarship funds for next season. The ultimatum is a result of the athletics department falling \$195,000 short of expected revenues in scholarship income this year.

If enough money is not raised soon, it could be more difficult to get the Dec. 1 deadline extended. Jim Tyson, associate athletics director of external affairs, is in charge of raising the funds and said that there is about \$5,000 to \$10,000 in the bank so far.

McElroy said several options are being explored to cut costs if the money is not raised—including the elimination of some athletic programs. McElroy said the decision of which programs to cut would be made and carried out on or before the Dec. 1 deadline.

The Hornet Athletic Foundation (formerly the Stinger Foundation), athletic tickets sales and ASI funds all brought in \$195,000 less than anticipated. The \$195,000 is part of the total athletics budget of \$2.5 million.

The Hornet Athletic Foundation managed to raise only \$36,000 out of an expected \$110,000. Because enrollment was below expectations, ASI's per-student fees raised \$222,860, out of \$235,000 that was expected. Ticket

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Chico, Davis have already made choices

By ROB SABO
HORNET STAFF WRITER

When the University of California at Davis and CSU, Chico were faced with problems financing their athletics departments, similar to what Sacramento State is now confronted with, both turned to their students for help in the form of additional student fees for athletics.

Students at CSUS may be asked this semester to vote for an increase in fees for athletic programs. But the amount of the proposed fee hike and the actual election have yet to be determined.

UC Davis, with a student population of approximately 23,000, faced the elimination of four sports in the spring of 1993. Chico State, with approximately 15,000 students, faced the elimination of intercollegiate athletics entirely.

Funding for Davis was cut to \$3.3 million for the 1993-94 school year, nearly 65 percent of the 1990-91 budget. With additional cuts of \$2.3 million

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Proposal for trimester at Sac State by Fall of 1996 is gathering steam

By CAROLLEE CATTOLICA
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Sacramento State could be headed towards a trimester system as early as Fall of 1996. According to Sylvia Navari, chair of the Academic Senate, it is likely that an ad hoc committee of administrators, students and faculty will be created to research the trimester system at Tuesday's meeting of the Senate Executive Committee.

In a memo circulated to the Senate Executive Committee, President Donald Gerth clarified his appointment of Vice President of Academic Affairs Jolene Koester "to work with the deans and faculty to develop an approach to scheduling." Gerth also wrote that "...this initiative is to distribute the curriculum in a more even fashion over the instructional day, week, and year" and asked that "rescheduling plans consider use of a trimester system."

Navari, who in these beginning steps is "unclear on what problem the trimester system is supposed to be addressing," plans to ask Gerth for a clearer statement of objectives before

assisting Koester in directing the committee's research.

"At this point I don't know if the objective is student retention and continuation or something else," Navari said.

Gerth also moved the deadline for recommendations about alternative scheduling and the trimester system up one year to the Fall of 1995.

According to Koester, Gerth's request for an examination of a trimester system is in response to the Student Needs and Priorities Survey, where 38 percent of the student respondents indicated that they would like to attend classes in the summer at regular tuition fees.

Gerth was unavailable for comment but in a written statement to the Hornet said "In responding to students' desire to complete their education as soon as possible, let's look at the pros and cons of developing a trimester system. I have asked our Vice President for Academic Affairs to initiate such a system."

"I have been asked to assume responsibility to work with the faculty

and deans to ensure that analysis is done and decisions are made. We're trying to determine if we want to make this change," Koester said.

Koester said she is working with faculty through the Academic Senate and senate chair Navari. Koester also said that she has assigned several research tasks to her staff including the location of other schools who use the trimester system.

According to Koester, the CSUS summer school program currently falls within the higher priced category of "extended learning" and switching to a trimester system will give students an opportunity to attend three equal terms year round at the standard fee schedule. Koester also said that this will allow students to "get out into the work world faster" by attending school year round, although this will not be a requirement.

Fees in the extended learning category are higher because the summer session does not receive general fund money from the state and enrollment

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Nominations from students encouraged for teaching award

By DYLAN MCGRATH
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Sacramento State students have an opportunity to take action on behalf of their favorite teacher—they can nominate their professor for the Outstanding Teaching Award.

The campus-wide award, in its third consecutive year, is aimed at awarding faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding teaching ability.

The winners will include no more than one faculty member from each of the university's four professional schools, and up to four faculty members from the School of Arts and Sciences.

The faculty members may be nomi-

nated by any member of the university community, including students. To be eligible, a teacher may be either a full-time or part-time member of the teaching faculty.

Suzi Lunstead, secretary for the associate dean of education, would like to see more students get involved with the program. She said that not many students in the department of education nominate professors.

"I can't speak for all the schools, but it would be great if more students nominated professors," Lunstead said.

According to Lunstead, the problem is that a lot of students are not aware of the program. It is difficult for professors to explain the award to their classes for fear

of giving the impression that they are asking for a nomination.

The Academic Senate gets involved by posting signs in areas where students are most likely to see them.

"Students certainly do get involved in the nominating and I think that is appropriate," said Sylvia Navari, chairwoman of the Academic Senate. "The program is very simple, that each school identifies the person that is their outstanding teacher."

After a letter of nomination has been sent by a member of the university community to the dean of the nominee's school, that nomine is then responsible

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planned over the following three years, the school faced the elimination of as many as 15 of its 20 intercollegiate sports by the 1996-97 school year.

Last spring, UCD students, who were paying \$34 per quarter for athletics, voted to progressively double the fee—to \$68—to provide more funding for sports and other activities. The money raised by the fee increase will also go to the UCD health, cross-cultural and recreational centers.

The UCD fee increase is being phased in over the next three years, with students paying \$48 for the 1994-95 school year and \$51 the following year before and the full \$68 for the 1996-97 academic year. Fees collected will eventually provide UCD with over

\$4.7 million during the 1996-97 school year.

Chico State cut two sports—swimming and wrestling—in the spring of 1991, and athletics were in danger of being cut entirely for the 1991-92 school year. The programs struggled to survive until the spring semester of 1992, when Chico students voted for a \$40 fee increase—to be added to the \$17 per semester they were already paying. The \$57 fee now generates about \$1.7 million a year to fund the school's sports. These fees are collected through the Instructionally Related Activities fee at CSU, Chico. At CSUS, officials are contemplating a hike in the Activity Fee, not the IRA, paid by students.

"When the issue first came up, I was not happy," said Josh Hohn, vice president of student government at CSUC.

"On one hand, I was glad we had a say on it, but on the other, it's hard when you put an issue in the hands of the students."

"If we vote yes, then you are imposing that fee on everyone. More importantly, what type of precedent are you setting? What happens when the library needs more money? If student fees support athletics, what else will we be supporting?"

Davis and Chico State are Division II schools, while CSUS competes at the Division I level.

Since Chico State approved the fee increase, students no longer have to pay admission fees for intercollegiate events, and all intramural sports are free. Use of the school's athletic facilities, such as the weight room and swimming pool, are now free also.

Award: chance to show appreciation

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for submitting an application to the dean's office. Applications will be reviewed and a winner will be chosen by a five member Outstanding Teaching Committee. Each school has its own committee and the members are appointed to staggered three-year terms by the faculty governance council of each school.

According to a November 1993 memo to the campus community from Vice President for Academic Affairs Jolene Koester and Navari, the criteria that each of the individual Outstanding

Teaching Award Committees will include teaching effectiveness over the last five years as well as impact on the lives and careers of students during the faculty member's years at CSUS.

Winner's of the award will be announced on April 17 at the President's Spring Concert and be presented with a plaque.

The announcement outlining the rules and deadlines of the award states that the names of the winners will also be displayed "on a perpetual plaque recognizing all recipients in a central location, accessible to the public," and a memo

dated April 26 from CSUS President Donald Gerth to the campus community mentions "a University perpetual plaque recognizing all recipients."

However, according to Janice Hayden, administrative operations analyst for University Affairs, no such plaque exists. "It would have to be massive to hold the names of all recipients," she said.

The deadline for nominations for the 1994-95 Outstanding Teaching Award is Wednesday, Nov. 23. Nominations may be submitted to the dean of the nominee's school.

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Sunday, Oct. 16

University Union UNIQUE Programs presents "Day on the Green" from noon to 5 p.m. on the University Union South Lawn. "The Mother Hips," "Cake," and "The Porcupines" will perform at this free event.

Monday, Oct. 17

The CSUS Visiting Scholars Program and the Music Department will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Randal McChesney, professor of choral music education, and national director of the Richards Institute, on "Education Through Music." The

Child and the Art of Living" at 10 a.m. in the Music Building, room 143. For more information, call the Office of University Affairs at 278-6156.

The Belfry, Lutheran and Episcopal campus ministry will have a Bible study from 11 a.m. to noon in the University Union Camellia Room. For more information call Sara at 457-6452.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Circle K, an on-campus service organization, will meet at 6 p.m. in the Del Rio room, next to The Pub. For more information call Andrew at 739-8621 or (707) 795-1540.

The Coffee House presents CSUS Jazz Group, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the Union Coffee House Patio, free. For more information call 278-6595.

"Rick Martin's Street Sax" will play from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the University Union Coffee House, free. For more information call 278-6595.

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Lesbian: Couple come out against violence

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shots had actually been fired into the camp and the women were afraid for their lives. They were frightened to have their friends and family visit the camp for fear of what would happen to them.

Brenda said this meeting compelled the women of the camp to pressure Attorney General Janet Reno to send in mediators to try to resolve

the conflict. Although mediators were sent, she said the townspeople refused to cooperate.

Brenda said the violence and intolerance against homosexuals continues in Mississippi and holds Mississippi for Family Values accountable.

"They formed their group to run us out of town and because they wanted to support their family values...its their preaching in the

public that has made this atmosphere of hate," Brenda said.

After the Henson's spoke at the university, they attended the Rally for Queer Rights on the west steps of the State Capitol Building.

The Hensons said they feel the violence will continue until civil rights laws are extended to include gays and lesbians and to fight back, people should write to politicians and lawmakers.

Clarification

A story on the new baseball complex being built near campus that appeared on page three Friday, Sept. 30 was incorrect. The

property is owned by the city of Sacramento and no general fund money will be used in its construction.

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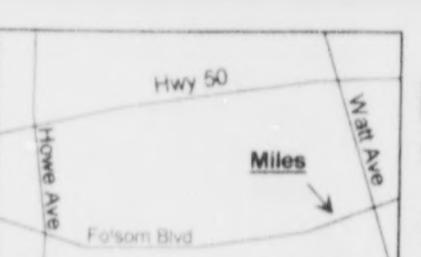
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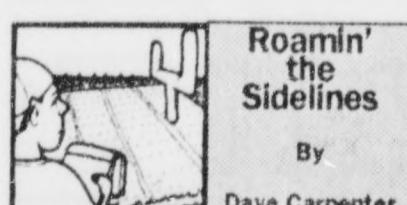
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SPORTS



Blaming Capitalism for strikes

By RANDY SCOGGINS
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Let the Madness begin.

Sacramento State's Men's Basketball team will start hoopin' it up as soon as the clock strikes midnight tonight.

Midnight Madness is a traditional college basketball event, where the team officially begins its season by inviting students and faculty to their first practice to show school spirit.

This year's event is being sponsored by KSFN 102.5 and CDs as well as tapes are being given away to help promote the team.

The extravaganza is being held from 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the south gym and admission is free for students.

Highlights of the event are a

three-point shooting contest, a slam dunk contest and the introduction of the players by Hornet Head Coach Don Newman.

Newman is in his third year at the helm of the Hornets and expects good things from this year's basketball team.

"We are truly excited entering this year for a few reasons," Newman said. "The NCAA has provided an extra two weeks to prepare, which will prove to be very important to us. We have a lot of new faces and we want to start to begin to develop some team chemistry."

This year, the Hornets will be much bigger than in years past with four new players ranging from 6-feet-7 inches to 7-feet tall. With the additional height of these new players, the Hornet front

court now averages a healthy 6-foot-6 inches.

Having a few more inches is something Newman will be relying on to help improve the team's rebounding. Last year the team was out rebounded in all but two of its games.

"Rebounding has been our Achilles heel, but I think we will be significantly improved in that area," Newman said. "We need to have an unreal belief in rebounding the ball this year."

Along with the team's rebounding, Newman expects to improve several things over last year's 1-26 squad.

"We finally, truly feel we have the ability to be a quality, Division I club," Newman said.

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From the streets to the field...

By KEN HART
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Sacramento State's Jermaine Hollie used to run around with street gangs. Now, he runs for touchdowns with teammates.

As a child, Jermaine risked his life by just walking to elementary school in gang-infested streets. Now at age 23, he is only one year away from a college degree.

In helping the Hornets to a 3-2 start to the 1994 football season, the senior wide receiver leads the team in reception yardage (273 yards), is tied with tight end Brian Amos for the team lead in receptions (16), and is second to Amos with three touchdown catches.

Jermaine spent most of his childhood on the streets of Oakland, growing up in the home of his mother, Cherrie White, who spent 10 to 15 hours a day away from home working as a domestic house cleaner.

"I fell back to the streets, and I found I hated it. People I knew were either selling narcotics or just dead"

—Jermaine Hollie

"I was on the same block as (the late) Felix Mitchell," he said. Mitchell was the notorious local drug kingpin who had an extravagant funeral down the streets of Oakland a few years ago.

Like other kids on the block, Jermaine idolized Mitchell and his money.

"When little kids see a drug dealer with money, fancy cars and big gold chains, they think that that's what life is all about," he said.

Jermaine got caught up in gang-related activities before age 12. He was so defiant at school that he was kicked out of the Oakland School District in the seventh grade.

Jermaine's life seemed to be coming to a dead end before he was old enough to even start his life. However, with the help of his grandmother, he turned his life around 180 degrees. Jermaine moved in with his grand-

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—Jermaine Hollie

mother and went to Jefferson High School in Daly City, where he started taking school and athletics seriously.

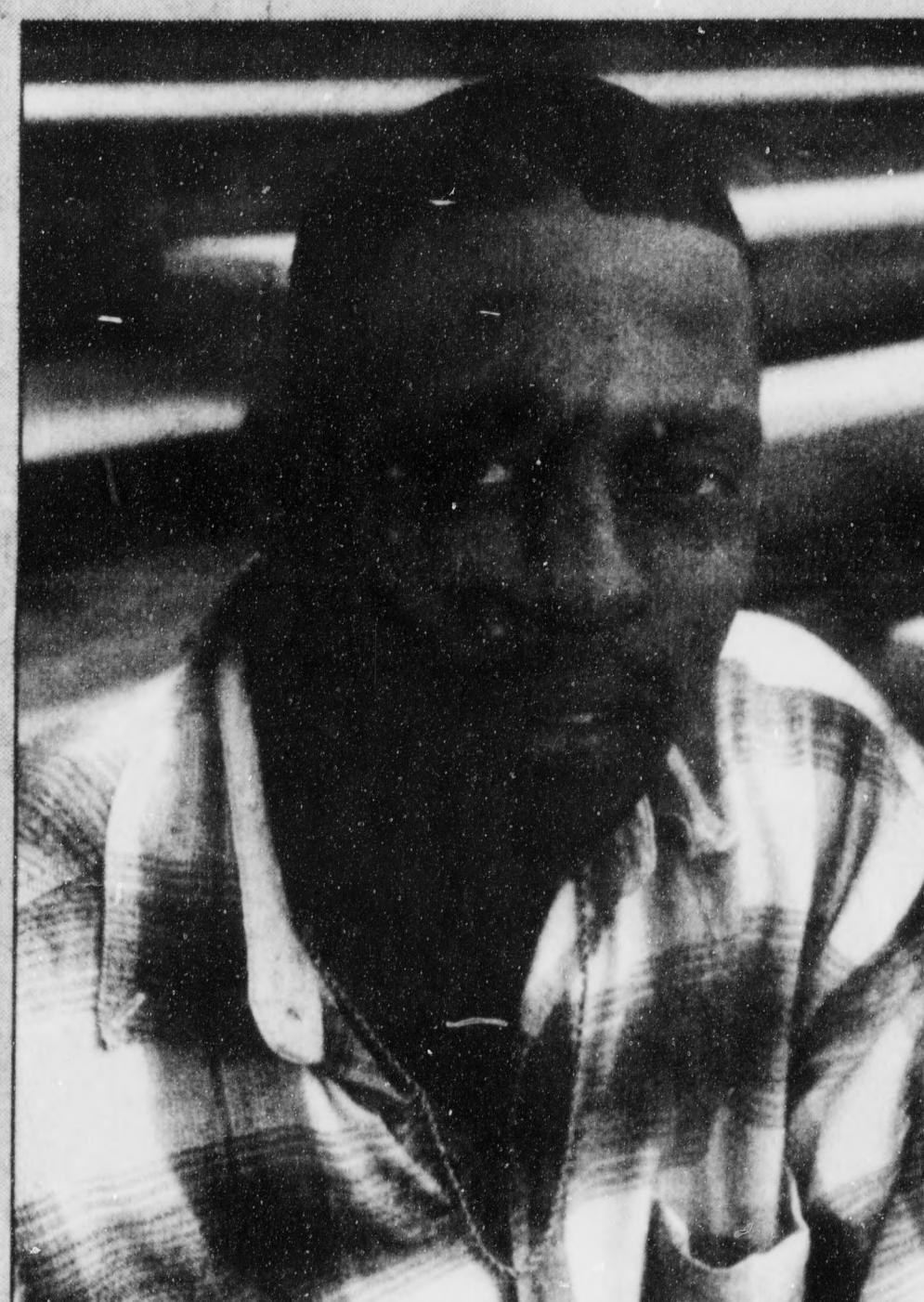
"I made the honor roll and won the Division 3 State Championship in basketball in 1988," he said.

Jermaine graduated from high school in 1989 and apparently had his life on track.

Unfortunately, the train derailed.

He fell back in with the wrong crowd after he graduated and crashed back down on the Oakland streets.

"I fell back to the streets, and I found that I hated it," Jermaine said. "People I knew were either selling narcotics, hanging out, or just dead."



Jermaine Hollie grew up on the wrong side of town but was reborn with the birth of his son. The birth motivated him to straighten his life out for good.

Once again, Jermaine was in a trap that he did not seem able to escape.

Nobody was around to cut him loose and show him that he didn't belong on the streets. Jermaine seemed destined to spend the rest of his life in that trap until one very important person arrived to set

him free. He proved his hunger by making a great catch on a tipped ball in last Saturday's Causeway Classic.

"I had a guy in front of me and a guy behind me, but my desire was so great, that I caught the ball," he said.

Cornerback Judd Flemming called Jermaine "Showtime."

"He's the heart of the team," Flemming said. "He's not the fastest receiver, but he knows how to get open and he keeps everybody up all of the time."

In December of 1995, Jermaine will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies from CSUS, where he also wants to get a Master's degree. His goal is to go back to his home community and help inner-city children with their lives.

"I want to be an outreach person, somebody that kids can say, 'Hey, this is a regular guy I can talk to.'"

Jermaine said he wants to work somewhere he can be a role model — like a teacher — and show kids that there are better people to look up to than drug dealers like Felix Mitchell.

"It might not pay a doctor's job; it might not pay a brain surgeon's job," he said. "But if I can get a kid from selling drugs or gang-banging, that's most important to me."

Near the finish line

By JUD LYMAN
HORNET STAFF WRITER

The Sacramento State Men's and Women's Cross Country team are both going into their last regular season meet with high hopes for the American West Conference Championships.

Both teams began the season with the University of San Francisco Invitational where the men's team placed second and the women's team placed seventh.

The CSUS Invitational was the only home match of the season, and the Hornets were ready for the challenge. The men's team won their portion of the tournament against USF. The women's team, competing against the University of Nevada, Reno, Mills College and USF, took second place.

The teams would not travel together for the third meet. The men went to the UC Davis Invitational, where they won for the second year in a row. The women were invited to run in the University of Hawaii Invitational, where they struggled to place fourth.

The Stanford Invitational, the fourth meet, was by far the biggest challenge. The race consisted of 23 teams and was an eight kilometer run through the Stanford Golf Course. Freshman Damon Chamberlain came in first out of 187 runners and lead the Hornets to an eleventh place finish. Stephanie Artis finished 38th out of 191 runners. The team did not receive an overall placing, however, because runners Celeste Everhart and Stefa DeBruin were both forced to drop out of the race due to illness.

Even though the team did not place, Head Coach Joe Neff felt that Artis ran her best race of the year. "She ran extremely well, especially considering the course and level of competition," said Neff.

The Mills College Invitational, the

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Hornet Sports Check it!

Today: Womens soccer vs. UOP 4 p.m.

Midnight Madness basketball season begins 11:30 p.m.

Mens soccer @ Fresno State

Sun.: Mens soccer @ San Jose St.

Tues: Womens soccer vs. S.F. State 4 p.m.

Home games in bold



Sports

Country: Nearing the end of season

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fifth meet, turned out to be an important one. Not only did the men's team get their third, first place team finish of the season, but the women's team also took first place, their first team win of the season. This meet was also important for the Hornets because Artis placed second in the college division.

Chamberlain came in first place overall with a time of 26:38, good enough to break the course record set last year by number three runner, freshman Jason Tackett. Tackett was hoping to

defend his course record this year, but placing 14th out of 72 runners, he wasn't able to do it.

The men's crosscountry team will be going to the St. Mary's Invitational tomorrow with three first place team finishes, a second place finish and an 11th place finish. The women's team will be going after the big win at Mills College. Both teams look forward to the America West Conference Championships at San Luis Obispo on Oct. 29.

The women's and men's cross country teams both have great promise for the upcoming seasons. On the women's team are two sophomore and six freshman runners, including

Artis, the top runner for the team this season. In addition to her second place finish at the Mills College Invitational, Artis placed fourth at the CSUS Invitational.

The men's team has one senior and one junior on the squad, lead this season by Chamberlain, who placed first in four out of five matches. Chamberlain had one fourth place finish, in which he was beaten by open runners, not runners from other colleges.

The men's team has also been getting strong support from freshman Ryan Nugent, the team's number 2 runner, and Tackett as well. Coach Neff should have this same strong nucleus for at least another two years.

Hoop: season starts tonight

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"Young programs like ours need to get through the recruiting phase of building a program, which is a difficult period."

From the looks of the last two recruiting classes, Newman is pleased with the team's progress.

"We've put together back-to-back recruiting years that will allow us to get better at every position," Newman said.

This year, the Hornets will look to newcomer Aaron Bell who joins the team at an impressive seven feet tall.

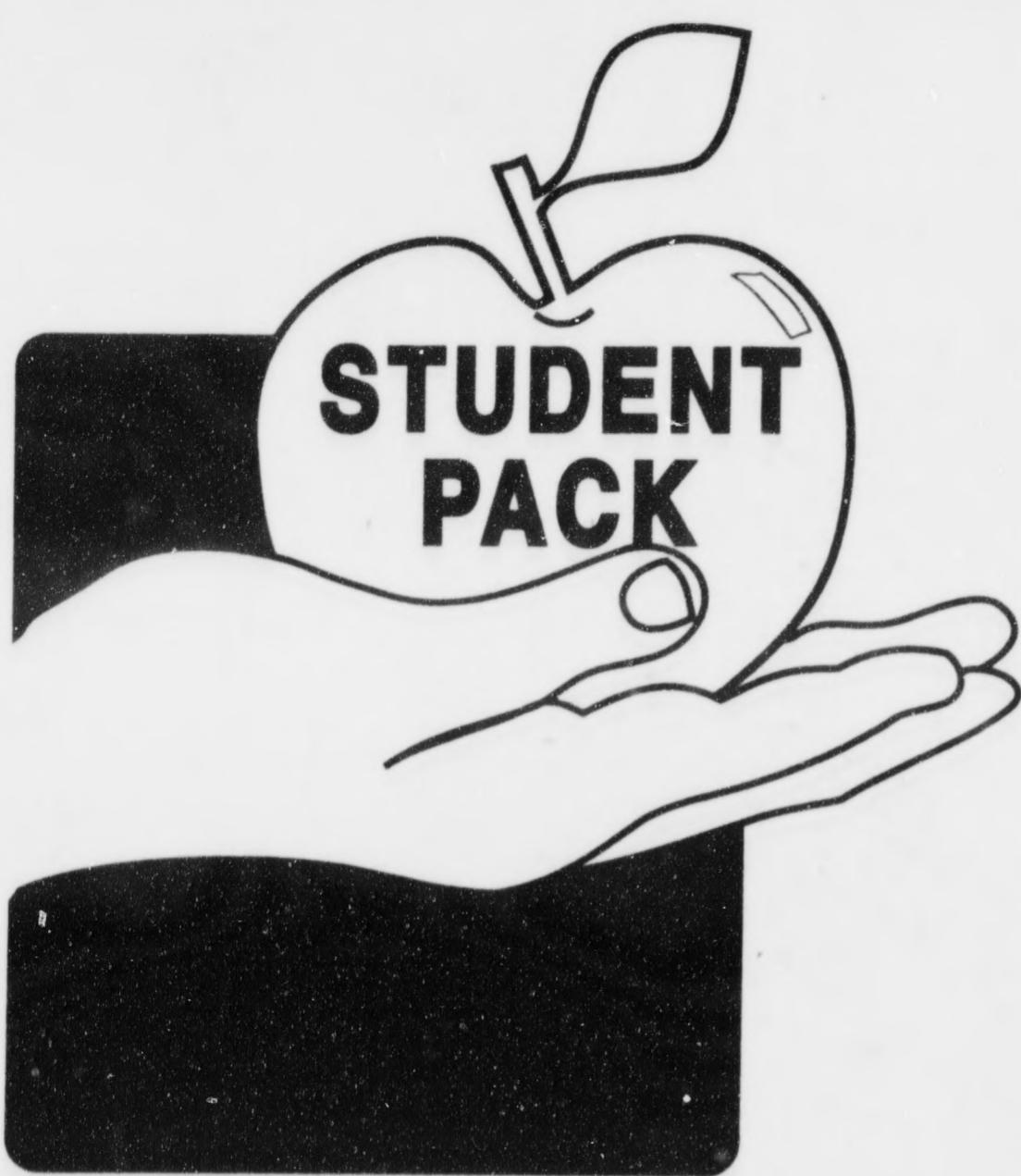
Bell is believed to be the first ever seven foot player recruited at Sacramento State.

Along with Bell, Newman will be relying on 6-foot-8 inch freshman forward Adrian Hillman, as well as 6-foot-9 inch freshman forward Deon Amos.

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SATURDAY 15th

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TUESDAY 18th

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WEDNESDAY 19th

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By KATHY HEROLD

HORNET STAFF WRITER

"How do you afford your rock and roll lifestyle?" asks Sacramento groove-rock band CAKE in a rousing tune about the high costs of making and enjoying music. UNIQUE Programs makes it easy for Sacramento State students to afford such a lifestyle by presenting Day on the Green, a free outdoor concert featuring The Mother Hips, CAKE and The Porcupines.

Beginning at noon on Sunday, the sounds of roots-rock, groove-rock and folk-rock will pervade the University Union South Lawn. These three Northern California bands will play their individual styles of rock until 5 p.m.

This is the fifth year in a row that UNIQUE is sponsoring this fall music event. University Union Program Advisor Dean Sorensen said he expects Sunday's concert to draw a large crowd, as past performances have. "We consider this show's lineup to be one of the best ever, with true quality up-and-coming acts who will display some real musicianship and stage presence," said Sorensen.

Headlining Sunday's show will be The Mother Hips, a Chico-based roots rock band. This foursome, who met at Chico State in 1989 and began playing music together in 1991, will be performing songs from their 1992 CD release "Back to the Grotto" as well as more recent unrecorded work.

This live performance will be nothing new to this well-traveled band. In addition to their frequent appearances at such Chico clubs as Slim's, The Mother Hips provide live music to crowds all over Northern California. Lead guitarist Greg Loiacono said the quartet spent the whole summer on the road, headlining at outdoor music festivals like the World Music Festival in Marysville and the Gathering of the Vibes in Coloma as well as various clubs.

"We love playing live. If we don't play live, we tend to get ourselves into trouble," Loiacono said.

Traveling throughout Northern

California has not only caused the band to develop a large following of adoring fans, but has also inspired many of the songs written by lead singer Tim Bluhm. Loiacono said that many of the songs are about daily occurrences and things that the band—including vocalist/guitarist Isaac Parsons and drummer Mike Wofchuck—sees when they're on the road. "Tim loves to speak of real life things in metaphor in order to create a sense of ambiguity," Loiacono said.

Although the music played by these long-haired artists has been compared to '60s music, Loiacono said the band was influenced by

music from as far back as the '40s and as recent as the '90s. He referred to Mother Hips' sound as "Wide open melodic rock and roll." According to Loiacono, the group uses their common energy to create a traveling rhythm, with consistent harmony

and a mixture of music tempo. The band recently signed on with American Recordings, and Loiacono said it will probably be spending a lot of time in the studio for the next couple of months. "We have enough songs for three albums," he said, which means they will be performing some new material that many of those who attend Sunday's show have never heard.

Also performing at the Day on the Green will be CAKE, a Sacramento band that frequents area clubs like Cafe Montreal and Old Ironsides as well as clubs in San Francisco. Their recently released debut CD "Motorcade of Generosity" contains a variety of danceable tunes which the band will play for Sunday's crowd.

This will not be the band's first appearance at CSUS. In spring they played at a nooner on the South Lawn. "Nooners are strange things," said bassist Victor Domiani. He said the reason for that is that people are eating lunch and the music is secondary.

Domiani said the band, which also includes lead singer John McCrea, guitarist Greg Brown, Michael Thorn on trumpet and drummer Todd Roper, has a lot of



Courtesy Photo

Chico-based band "Mother Hips" will perform a free concert this weekend for starving students along with "CAKE" and "Porcupines".

fun playing out of town but has done its share of "playing to empty rooms." He said that really doesn't make that much of a difference to him because he is satisfied as long as someone is enjoying the music.

CAKE's music, with its combination of brass and acoustic melodies, has been compared to that of Robyn Hitchcock and Hank Williams, Sr. Although CAKE's sound is alternative in nature, its lyrics differ from those of many alternative bands that concentrate on the negative aspects of life. McCrea's songs, though sometimes cynical, are basically upbeat.

Another band with upbeat music is the opening act for Sunday's show, the Porcupines. Performing songs from their 1993 CD release "Swirl" this Sacramento band will bring to the South Lawn what they call "porch music that's been plugged in."

Lead singer and rhythm guitarist Laurie MacIntosh said the band name originated because the foursome used

to sit on the porch and play songs. This foursome includes MacIntosh, lead guitarist Andrew Jackson, bass guitarist Bobby Jordan and drummer John Nelson.

The band plays its folk-rock music at Sacramento area clubs such as Old Ironsides, Cafe Montreal, and The Press Club. The Porcupines plan to record some new material this winter, but will play different gigs like Sunday's Day on the Green until that time.

Previous Day on the Green performers have consisted of such bands as Ian Faith, The Skeletons, Undercover S.K.A., Lawsuit, Kai Klan, and Dutch Falconi and His Twisted Orchestra.

"These concerts are a great opportunity for Sac State students to see some great Sacramento area and touring acts free of cover charge, age restrictions, and other elements that typically come with a visit to most alternative nightclubs," Sorensen said.

Despite cancelled classes, aspiring playwrights give in to their muse with renewed writer's club



By M. LONCAREVIC
HORNET STAFF WRITER

With professor Gerard Larson's retirement last spring from the theatre arts department at Sacramento State, theatre students and aspiring playwrights have been left without playwright courses for the 1994-95 season.

Since Larson's retirement, there have been no serious talks about hiring a replacement.

"When a member of the faculty retires, it's not a given that a replacement will be made," said Cheryl Hamdan, secretary of the theatre arts department. The primary factor in whether or not someone will be hired is funding, she said.

There is a lack of funds in this department, as in every department on campus, and we don't know what's going to happen when the next teacher retires, said Pat Rice, the department Chair.

"Larson was an important fixture on this campus," Rice said. "Playwrighting was his specialty."

Besides playwrighting, Larson has also taught acting, directing, script analysis, theatre history, dramatic theory and several graduate classes.

A lot of students who took Larson's playwrighting courses are generally dis-

pointed because many of them had original scripts they had worked on during the semester, Stephanie Farhood, a former student of Larson's said. "It's always the arts that go and not sports."

Although the department no longer offers playwright courses, students can get involved in the playwrights club, originally started by Larson several years ago.

According to Farhood, who took both playwrighting and advanced playwrighting from Larson, it's kind of hard to replace the course. "A club can't teach as well as a course can," she said.

"The club went inactive for a while but is in the process of being reactivated this fall," Rice said. Larson was asked and agreed to be the ex-officio sponsor for the club. His role would be to meet with the students, and to make suggestions for playwrighting, she said.

Students involved in the playwrights club are given basic instructions in playwrighting and are required to write a play following a given schedule over the course of the semester.

Student plays are reviewed by the department, Larson said. A teacher whom the playwrights club chooses, selects the best plays from the class that are ready for production and then gives them to the playwrights club, Larson said.

There's a chance to do two plays this semester.

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Competition invites students to speak out about generation

Blackboard Entertainment announces its call for entries for the Third Annual America's College Video Competition sponsored by Levi's 501 Jeans. The grand prize is \$5,000. The competition is open to both undergraduate and graduate students, amateurs and media majors alike, and urges Generation X to "Speak Out On the Issues of Your Generation."

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Professor Gerard Larson is still active in helping student playwrights. Larson, who retired last spring from the theatre arts department, has not been replaced, and Sacramento State's playwrighting courses were cancelled.

FEATURES

PROFILE

'Quiet fire' personality leads student towards goal of helping needy children

By LARRY V. DALTON
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Like many other Sacramento State students, Patricia Burks comes to campus, attends her classes and is gone again before the coolant in her car's radiator has had time to turn cold.

She is not anti-social or less committed to her studies than other students, she is just extremely busy.

The 31-year-old ethnic studies major is already immersed in a career as administrative director of St. Hope Academy, but has a goal to get her bachelor of arts degree at CSUS and later a master's degree in African-American studies at UC Berkeley.

Burks realizes to reach this goal she has to make tremendous personal sacrifices. Working 40-plus hours in a burgeoning career, taking at least two classes a semester and working for her church doesn't leave Burks much personal time.

Burks, who walks a tightrope between work and school, finds herself on the brink of total exhaustion by the end of the spring semester each year.

But if it is possible to have it all—a career, credentials and a family life—Burks is still deter-

"I'm hoping to get my B.A. degree within the next year," Burks said. "I would like to teach someday, more as a lecturer than a teacher, but I still want to continue to work at St. Hope Academy after I get my degrees. And then one day I want to get married and have two children."

The St. Hope Academy school and youth organization was founded in 1989 by Sacramento's own Kevin Johnson, an NBA all-star player with the Phoenix Suns.

Johnson wanted to create an environment in which educational and social interaction could take place for the underrepresented children in the Oak Park community where he grew up. He wanted to establish an environment where each child would experience a commitment to unconditional love and attention from people who run the daily program at St. Hope.

All children are welcomed at St. Hope Academy as long as they come from the Oak Park area, regardless of race or background. However, since St. Hope Academy can only take a limited number of children at one time, there is usually a list of children waiting to participate in the program. Right now St. Hope Academy has about 30

nating days. The children range in age from 8 to 17. Usually the older students are St. Hope Academy graduates returning to tutor younger students.

Burks turned out to be the perfect person to help implement Johnson's vision of a school that would be a supplemental home for children.

Johnson knew Burks from high school and had always known that she liked working with children. Both of them are also long-time members of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Oak Park.

"Kevin knew I had a gift with certain things, so in 1989 he asked me to quit my job with the State of California Department of Fish and Game to come and help run St. Hope Academy while he was away playing basketball."

"For me, it was a step out on faith, because the idea of the school was such a totally new concept. It was something he knew in his mind, but basically we had to have faith that this thing was going to work. Here we are, five years later, and it's going fine," Burks said.

On campus, Burks appears to be reserved and unassuming. If her instructors didn't take attendance peri-

absent. But at St. Hope Academy Burks' "quiet fire" personality is more like that of a rolling fire ball burning a path to whatever goal she is working on.

One of Burks' main responsibilities is taking care of the financial concerns at St. Hope. Johnson needed someone he could trust during his grueling basketball schedule when he was away for weeks on end. He needed someone whose honesty and loyalty he did not question. Burks was that person.

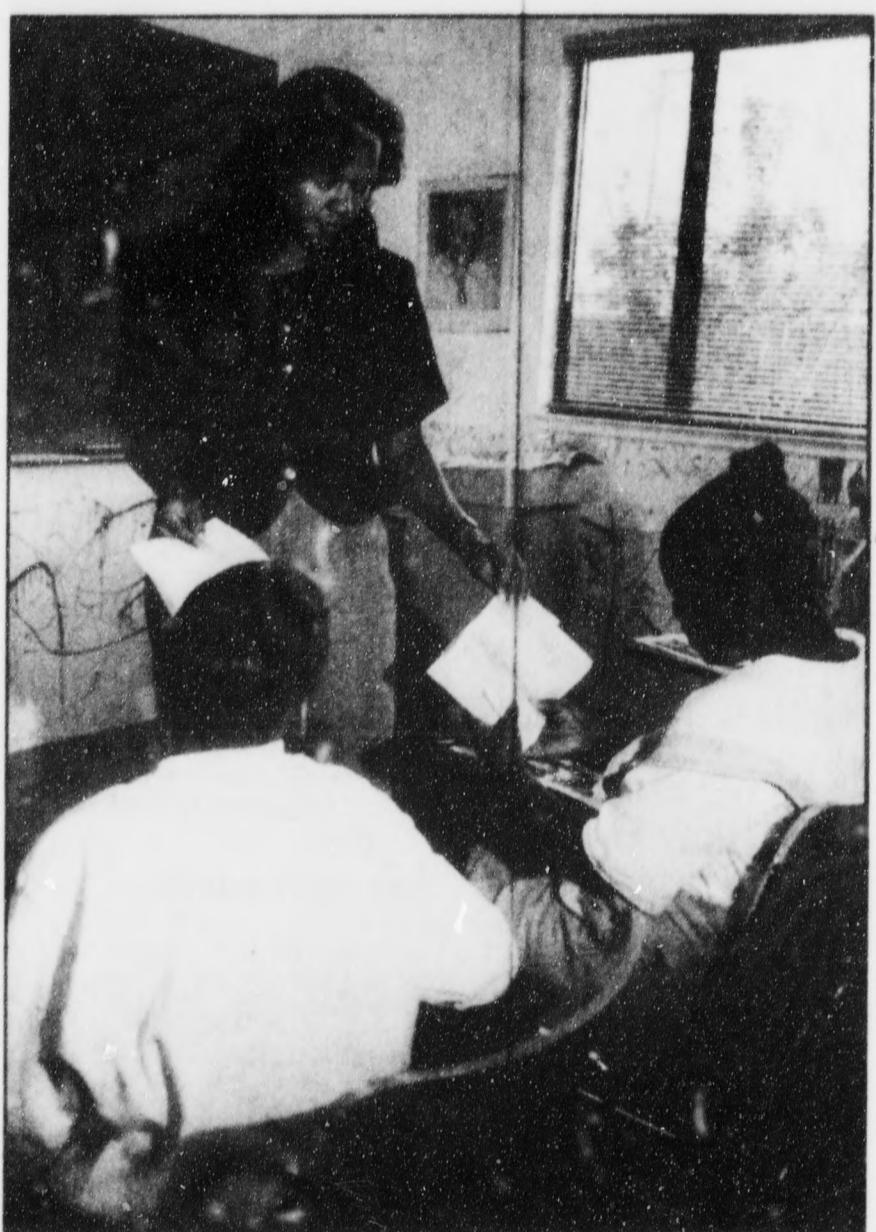
"Kevin really showed a lot of confidence in me by putting me in charge of the financial responsibilities at the St. Hope Academy," Burks said.

Johnson not only shows confidence in Burks' abilities and loyalty, but he is also impressed with her dedication to school and work.

"In the five years that she has been associated with St. Hope Academy, Patricia has shown an unstinting dedication to St. Hope and its children," Johnson said. "The fact that she is able to attend school and hold down a full-time job as demanding as administrative director of St. Hope Academy is, only emphasizes the strength of her character and commitment."

Burks maintains the philosophy and vision of the school along with Richard Jennings II, executive director of St. Hope Academy, and coordinates everything for the annual St. Hope Academy fund-raiser.

Burks has been instrumental in organizing St. Hope Academy's biggest annual fund-raising banquet which helps to keep the organization solvent.



Larry V. Dalton/State Hornet
Patricia Burks, ethnic studies major, balances college with a full time career as an administrative director of St. Hope Academy. She plans to obtain a B.A. degree and continue towards a master's degree in African-American studies at UC Berkeley.

years. Charles Barkley of the Phoenix Suns spoke to a crowd of more than 1,000 people.

"We have been really fortunate to have these special people get involved with St. Hope Academy's Annual Banquet," Burks said.

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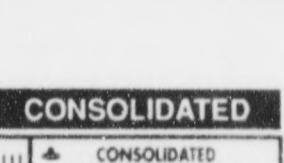
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Deadline: Athletics needs to raise \$200,000 by Dec. 1

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sales declined for the second year in a row.

Gerth has bailed the athletics department out when needed by adding more than \$1 million to the general fund account. Last year, the athletics department fell short and was granted an extra \$240,365 to balance the scholarship budget.

In years past, the recruiting process would start without the funds in the bank, thus spending money that hasn't been raised. The revenues have been less than expected from the Hornet Athletic Foundation, ticket sales and ASI fees, so to avoid the discrepancies once more, Gerth set down the ultimatum to raise the funds for scholarships before the recruiting process starts.

McElroy said an extension of the deadline could depend on the amount of money that is raised between now and Dec. 1. He said that

at least \$100,000 will need to be raised to prove to the university that the athletics department can raise the money.

McElroy defended athletics' importance on campus and said the money is well-spent.

"We're not throwing money at something that's not productive. We're building people that are representing our university and our values," McElroy said.

Asking the students to raise fees solely for athletics has never happened at CSUS before. The ASI activity fee was raised in 1991 and included \$6 per student for free admission to home games, but other monies from the increase was going elsewhere — not solely for athletics.

The activity fee was also raised in 1986 when students voted to increase the activity fee from \$13 to \$26 adding another \$8 towards the funding of athletics.

Currently, CSUS has 18 athletic programs offered and is required by the

NCAA to maintain 14 to remain at Division I status.

Restrictions placed on the department by Title IX, a federal mandate which requires gender equity in athletics, will be a factor in any decision to cut programs. This mandate requires an equal number of men and women playing intercollegiate sports. CSUS had a ratio of 190 men to 96 women who were charged with a year of eligibility. Football had the most male participants with 86, while women's track had the most female participants with 20.

McElroy said he will also take into account the regionalization of the sport, the number of participants involved, recruiting base and growth of sport.

ASI is planning a student forum on the issue of raising fees for athletics in November. No date has been set, but will be announced next week.

Trimester: Committee will be formed to study proposal

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time required to obtain a degree or increase the number of students enrolled.

Navari also questions the chancellor's office response to a three semester system. "I don't think the chancellor's office would let us add a third semester without raising our FTE target," Navari said.

Navari speculated on what a committee on the trimester system would research.

"If the goal of the system is to allow students to attend classes over the summer at regular fees then it will be important for the committee to answer questions not answered by SNAPS such as who these students are, from what departments do they come, and what class level are they. It may turn out that only certain programs have students that want to go over the summer," she said.

Navari also said that she wasn't sure that the trimester system, if implemented, will necessarily allow the University to increase student enrollment. Increased enrollment would depend on how the trimester system is structured, Navari said.

According to Navari, the only way to increase enrollment would be to also increase faculty and staff. Merely stretching the existing number of classes or units offered over three terms instead of two, will neither shorten the

time to pay less for summer classes.

"There may be other ways to lower fees for summer school," she said.

Speaking of faculty opinion on the

trimester system Navari said, "there is controversy among the faculty because people are making assumptions about

what a trimester is and about what the President has in mind."

Although there have been "no conclusions" reached as to the eventual placement in the calendar year of the three terms, Koester speculated that the trimester system will shorten the fall and spring terms in order to add a full term over the summer.

One possible scenario discussed by Koester placed the fall term between late September and mid-December. The spring term would then run from late January to April and the summer term from May to August.

Several factors will influence the timing and length of the terms, according to Koester. A certain amount of time is needed between terms for faculty to evaluate and turn in grades and for students to register for the next term.

Aside from working out concerns with faculty Koester also said that "all student services, including advising, financial aid, and admissions and records need looking at." Koester is also concerned about the number of contact hours required of classes. "A three unit class requires 150 class hours. In a shortened semester we may need to add minutes to classes to maintain contact hours and units," she said.

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Political Forum: The Governor's Race

Young Democrats

Elect Brown for higher education

Have you noticed that your "fees" keep going up every semester? Are you worried that you may not find a decent job after graduating? Are you concerned about the rise in violent crime? Under Pete Wilson, California's Economy is at an all-time low.

Excluding foreign immigration, more Californians are now leaving the state than out-of-staters coming in. This is a new and dangerous trend. California used to represent a place of promise and hope for millions, living halfway around the world and dreaming about the "Golden State."

But under Pete Wilson, California has fallen into despair.

Our state is crying out, begging for new leadership.

One need only look at Pete Wilson's record as Governor to see that he doesn't have what it takes to put California back on its feet. We gave him his chance, and in his four years as Governor things went from bad to worse to intolerable. Kathleen Brown's economic plan, partially presented here, will make the changes necessary to put California back on track. Please judge the following.

California under Pete Wilson: Devastated Economy

Since 1990, 550,000 California jobs vanished. 62,000 businesses failed. And Pete Wilson has done nothing but make things worse. He vetoed defense conversion efforts. Vetoed unemployment benefits. Let states steal our jobs - and produced no plan, no vision, and no strategy to lift the recession and rebuild our economy.

Failing Schools

He said he'd be an "education governor." But Wilson tried to cut \$2.3 billion from schools. Fought to keep 110,000 kids from kindergarten. Cut programs for reading and school books. And "forgot" to apply for \$43 million in desperately needed job training funds from the federal government.

Unaffordable colleges

Four years of Wilson has meant four straight years of fee hikes at colleges and universities. A 290 percent increase in community college fees. Vetoes of middle-class college loan programs. And nearly 200,000 students forced from college by fee hikes since Wilson took office. 38 percent increase in fees at CSU's.

Bankrupt Government

A \$3 billion deficit. Massive cuts in local services. A \$7 billion tax hike. And nine credit downgrades on Wall Street. Wilson's mismanagement meant cuts in services to students, renters, the elderly, libraries, hospitals, fire and police - but Wilson gave an \$800 million tax break to California's richest 1 percent.

Rising Fear of Crime

Four years of tough talk. But under Wilson, violent crimes - murder, robbery and assault - are up. And Pete Wilson has taken thousands of police officers off the street and vetoed legislation that would provide for more protection.

Kathleen Brown will:

- freeze fee hikes at universities and community colleges.
- eliminate higher fees that penalize community college students with bachelor's degrees.

- improve job-training by consolidating California's separate job-training programs into one streamlined system.

- restructure the tax system to reward small business start-ups and job-producers, not special interests.

- encourage emerging industries like biotech, environmental clean-up and advanced transportation with job-creating tax credits.

- convert defense technology and retrain defense workers for new, cutting edge, civilian industries.

- rebuild California's infrastructure by financing local public works projects with a \$1 billion bond package.

On Nov. 8, vote Kathleen Brown for a better California.

College Republicans

Wilson is the *real* education choice

As time bears down on election day, one of the primary concerns Sac State students have regards their education, and what the gubernatorial candidates can do to foster it.

Despite the partisan rhetoric forced upon us day after day about Governor Wilson's record on education, Kathleen Brown has failed to deliver a truthful message to the people concerning her own record. Here are the facts Kathleen Brown doesn't want you to know:

As a member of the Los Angeles School Board, Kathleen Brown eliminated pre-school classes for 10,000 children, and voted to eliminate summer school classes. During her time on the board, reading test scores dropped every year for every grade tested. Administrative overhead spending increased by 45 percent, which represents money that never made it to the classrooms. Finally, classrooms are so overcrowded that a Little Hoover Commission Report described schools where students were "crammed like sardines."

As Treasurer, she eliminated the successful College Savings Bond Program which sold \$76 million in its first bond offering in 1990. She hasn't attended a meeting of the California Student Loan Authority—which she chairs—in two years. She also supported two previous state budgets with fee increases, but now that it's an election year, she proposes freezing fees for some students while raising fees even higher for the others.

Kathleen was chauffeured in a limousine to high school and law school. How can she be in touch with our needs? How can she identify with a middle class family financing a college education?

Pete Wilson, on the other hand, has been committed to preserving the quality of education for Californians despite numerous obstacles and challenges. His record proves this:

As governor, overall education spending increased by 16.3 percent while enrollment has grown 10 percent.

During his term, college financial aid has more than doubled—from \$267.5 million to over \$600 million.

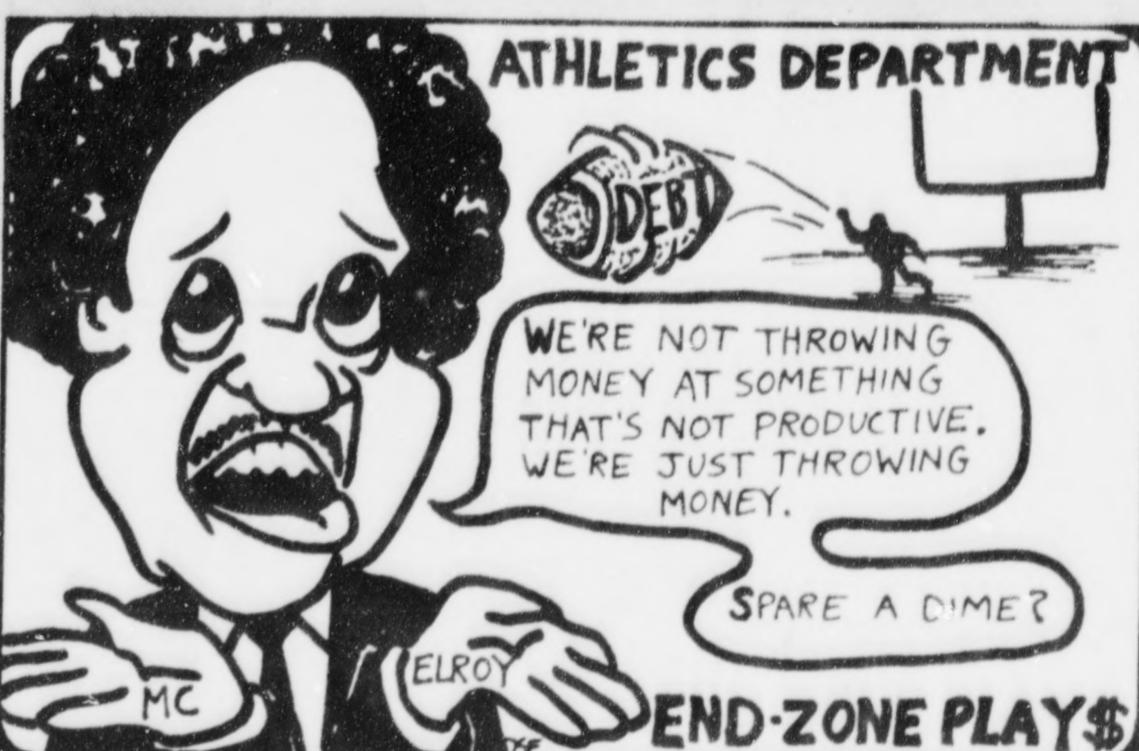
Despite fee increases, California State University students still pay only 25 percent of their education costs. California's community college fees are the 5th cheapest in the nation.

Kathleen Brown's commitment to students is questionable. Her past history is one full of failure and incompetence. As Treasurer, she harmed us, but did nothing to help us.

Now, she is trying to portray herself as our friend by buying our votes with her phone fee freeze.

Governor Wilson will see to it that California students continue to receive a good education for their dollars. Governor Pete Wilson is committed to not only the whole state of California, but also us college students.

This coming election day, the choice is clear: the ineptitude of Kathleen Brown or the proven leadership of Governor Pete Wilson. Vote pro-student and pro-California by voting for Governor Wilson on Nov.



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Paying the price for their incompetence

\$930 per semester for fees.

\$63 per semester for parking.

\$200 — and usually more — per semester for books.

\$35 per semester for the Student Health Center.

And now Sacramento State wants to charge you even more to pay for a floundering athletics program?

Students at Sacramento State and throughout California are paying more than ever before to attend colleges and universities. The CSU Board of Trustees, Chancellor Barry Munitz, the state Legislature and Sacramento State President Donald Gerth have supported fee increase after fee increase for various reasons and services over the last five years.

Now Sacramento State Athletic Director Lee McElroy has gotten into the game.

McElroy — whose athletics department has gone steadily from bad to worse in every way imaginable — is preparing to ask students to cover his debt and support the sinking program.

McElroy and Gerth are consulting with Associated Students Inc. to put a referendum on the Spring ballot that would ask students to fund athletics. Remarkably, nobody is sure how much students will be asked to pay. In fact, nobody is *really* sure how much athletics even needs. What they are sure of, though, is that they want

students to pay the bill.

And why not?

Almost *every single time* a budget shortfall occurs or accountants come up short, students pick up the tab. It happens state-wide. It happens within the CSU system. It certainly happens at CSUS. Once again, students will be asked to solve a budgeting problem they didn't cause.

Athletics — which, after years of serious mismanagement, finds itself hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt with no fundraising credibility in the community — does not deserve students' money.

It's easy for a university president who makes more than \$140,000 per year, receives a hefty housing allowance and has a "company" car fully paid for to dismiss a \$50 or \$60 student fee increase. For students, though, that is \$50 less to feed their children with, pay their student loans with and use for numerous other fees levied by the university.

If athletics does not merit allocations from Gerth's various discretionary funds or the general fund, why does it deserve money from students? If community donors have stopped contributing to the Hornet Athletic Foundation — and they have — why should students pay instead?

Students can no longer be financially responsible for problems they didn't cause.

It's gone on far too long, and it's just plain wrong.

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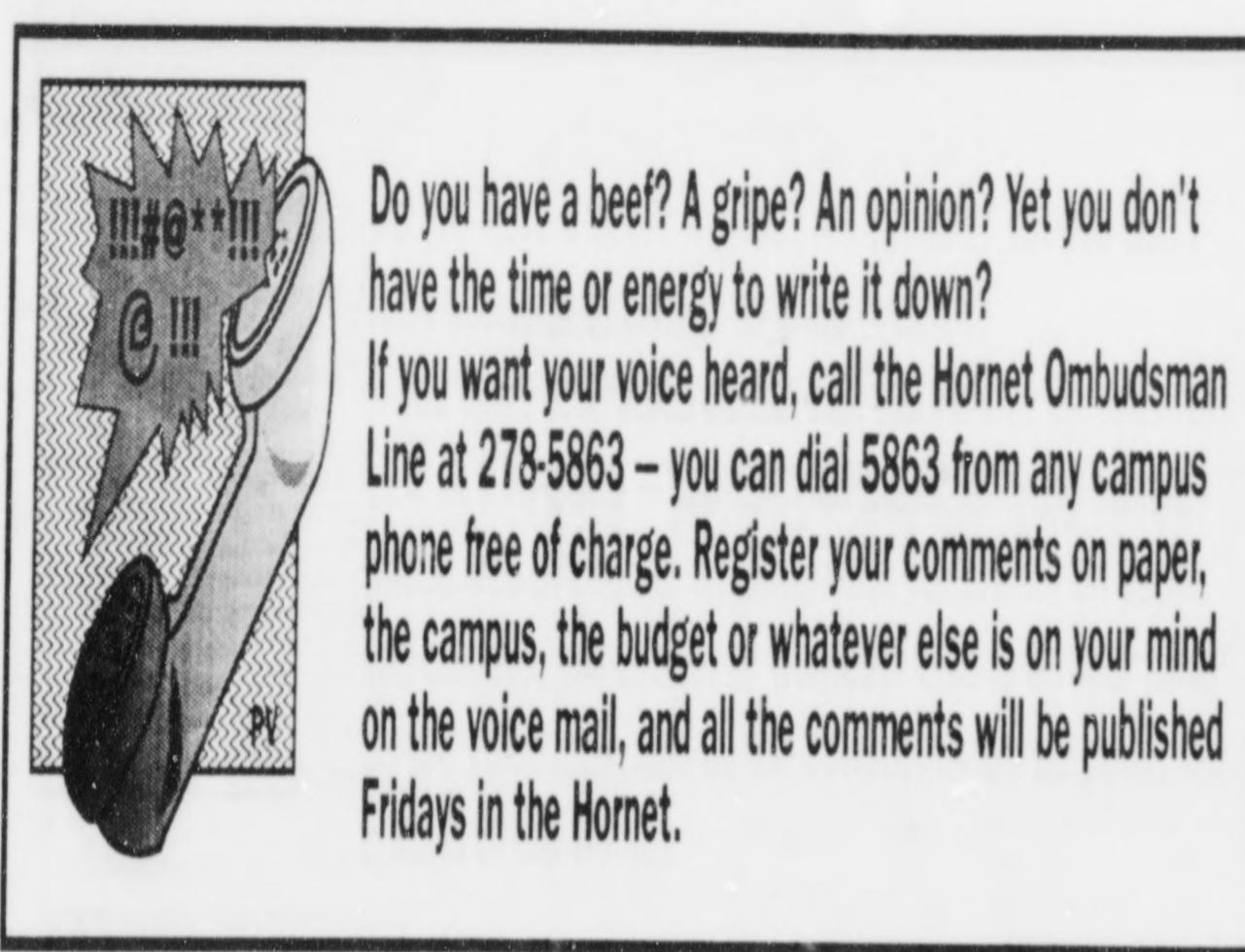
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Opinion



Letters to the Editor

Student applauds ASI for caring about students and working hard

Editor:

Today I am not writing to complain about the University or to cry shame to any administrator, but I am writing to express my gratitude to, would you believe it, a governing body... ASI.

I know that ASI is busy and that they do a lot of behind the scenes action, but what gets attention is public interaction. ASI is taking the bull by the horns on public interaction like the Financial Aid and Taco Bell Forums. Is it a chance to

bitch? Maybe, it does though, make students feel that they are important and that their opinions count. I believe ASI, with its executive board and directors, are being sensitive to student concerns.

One might ask, "what can they do?" Even if ASI takes student concerns to heart, what can they do to change or influence the campus; they are students just like us right?

I can only say that I believe that Stephen Henderson and J.P have a genuine and sincere interest in what they are doing.

Applaud your efforts. Please keep up the good work.

Eric Maddox

35 years later, YAF is still exclusionary, extreme organization

Editor:

Thirty-five years ago, when the YAF was founded, I was a graduate student at Tulane University in New Orleans, La. The years I was there were ones of great turmoil; the struggle against segregation had been joined. Epic battles were fought in the streets as well as in the courts. Violence was in the air. Black children and their parents were attacked while attempting to abide by school desegregation orders of the Federal courts, while federal law enforcement officials stood by, taking notes. Churches were fire-bombed. People were fired from their jobs for having dared to challenge Jim Crow laws and practices.

One of the largest, best organized, well financed, and politically active organizations that moved to the forefront during the early 1950s and 60s in the Deep South was the White Citizens Council. It had but one item on its agenda: preserve segregation. They published hate literature, held great rallies, organized parades, and they were noticeably present when violence met those who "sat in" at lunch counters, refused to move to the back of the bus, organized voter registration campaigns in Black districts, rode in the "Freedom Rides", and the like. The WCC was basically an urban, slightly upscale (middle class) version of the Ku Klux Klan, which was still in active in the rural South at that time.

I attended one of the mass rallies of the WCC in New Orleans, and it was a harrowing experience. The crowd was wildly responsive to the race-baiting harangues of the speakers. I became increasingly fearful that I might be recognized by someone there - who knows what that might have led to. I left early. But not before the Chairman of the Council announced the upcoming organizational meeting of a new national organization, something called the Young Americans for Freedom. Continued separation of the races was a task that would soon fall to an upcoming generation, and they must be prepared. Here was a new organization, the YAF, that was promoted as the junior division of the WCC. WCC members were urged to send their high school and college age children to the organizational meeting a few weeks hence.

A glutton for punishment, I went. Curiosity got the best of me. As it turned out, a good many of my like-minded friends had the same idea, and we far outnumbered the small handful of fledgling racists there - most of whom were brought by their parents. There were perhaps ten of us, no more than a half-

dozen of them. The organizers, officers of the WCC who sat up front, had rented the ballroom of one of the grand old hotels in the French Quarter for this affair. Seats had been set up for hundreds. Needless to say, we were tickled by the discomfiture of our hosts. Which only deepened during the course of the informal discussion of the "race-mixing" problems they saw besetting New Orleans at that time. We dominated that discussion. The WCC bigwigs and the visiting YAF staffer were totally flummoxed by this turn of events, and soon brought the meeting to an end, and high-tailed it out of there.

I finished graduate school a few years later, having seen to further evidence of the YAF since their opening debacle.

That is, until I opened the pages of the Hornet last week. Good heavens, here they are again! Right here in River City no less. The local YAF spokesmen, as quoted in the Hornet, have eschewed the racist rhetoric of their forebears, and now talk earnestly of family values, respect for the constitution, and the like. This is not much of an agenda to kindle excitement among college students, I think. But then, perhaps these professed values are euphemisms, code words for something more sinister.

Let's find out. Certainly they have a right of access the campus. So, I would recommend to students who are wary of just what the YAF might represent to attend their meetings. If the latest crop of YAFers are anything like the original article, they'll be laughed out of court.

Murray S. Work
Professor of Psychology

Reader disagrees with columnist's assessment of education's goal

Editor:

I'm writing this letter in response to "No apologies when degree is the goal," the column "A Snowball in Hell," in the Tuesday Oct. 11 State Hornet. The writer of that article sees no need for an apology if the primary goal of a university education is a degree rather than a liberal education. This columnist contends that "to imply this focus on the end goal (a BA or BS) is somehow contrary to the missions of teaching or learning within the university context is good old fashioned victim blaming." I disagree.

If a university student's only interest is the piece of paper that secures future employment, why go to college in the first place, why not simply attend vocational school?

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The question we must ask ourselves is what we mean by higher education. Does higher education mean securing employment, or is it a means by which to broaden our minds?

Call me an idealist, but I always believed higher education meant broadening our minds so we become more than just one more specialized ball bearing in the machinery of society.

I always believed higher education broadened our minds so we question what goes on around us, not fall in line behind everything we're told.

This columnist goes on to write: "It was a promise to Californians that its young people would be the best they could be if only they worked hard and took advantage of the educational opportunities offered them."

How good can young Californians be if the universities continue to lower their academic standards?

For that matter, how advantageous can educational opportunities be for either young or older Californians if the only focus of these opportunities is, as the columnist suggests, "to actually apply their educations in some sort of real, immediate context."

Again, my contention is, if this is the case, why waste time expanding thinking through required GE courses, why not limit it, instead, to a quick-and-easy vocational school?

Sure, liberal education has changed.

Students now grow and explore themselves "at jobs 35 hours a week in addition to class time and while raising their children and trying to get their homework done."

But do these circumstances justify lowering university standards?

It seems to me that if we begin expecting less of the university's students—all students, young and old alike—vocational and university training become synonymous.

Consequently, instead of teaching students to think for themselves, we teach them to think for a paycheck.

Tuesday's article concludes: "It's a tough world out there, and some of us are trying to meet it on its own terms."

This sounds like passive resignation to me.

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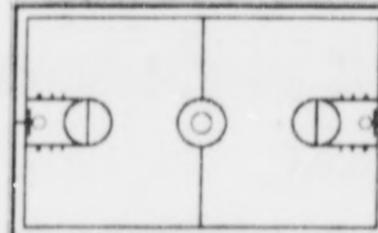
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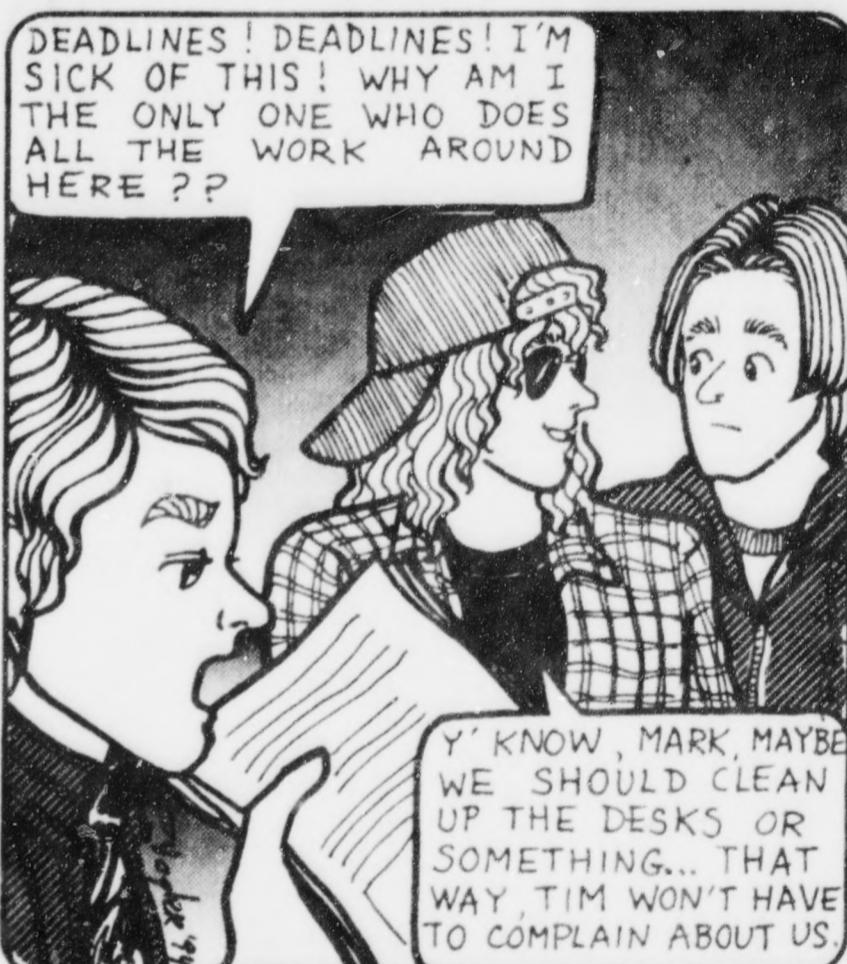
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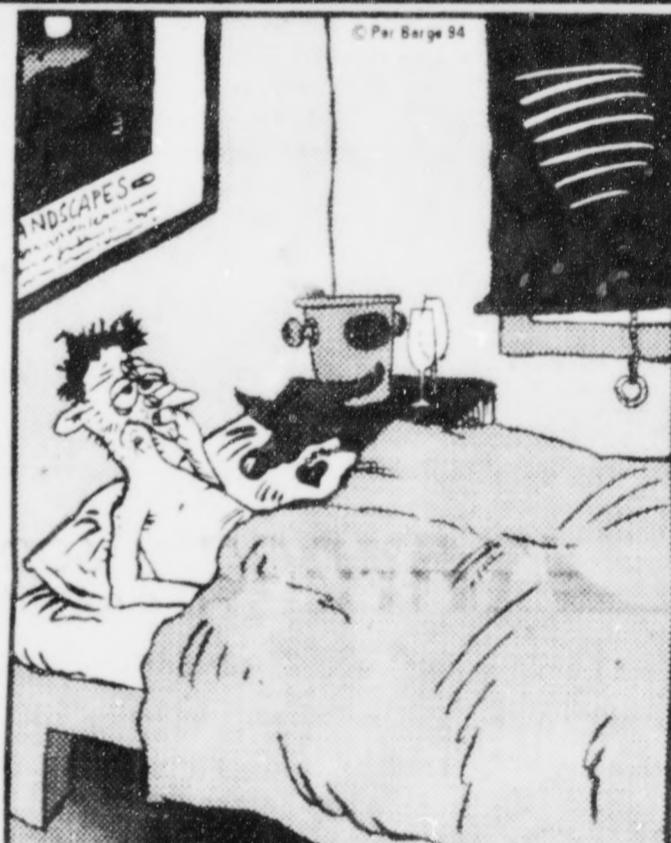
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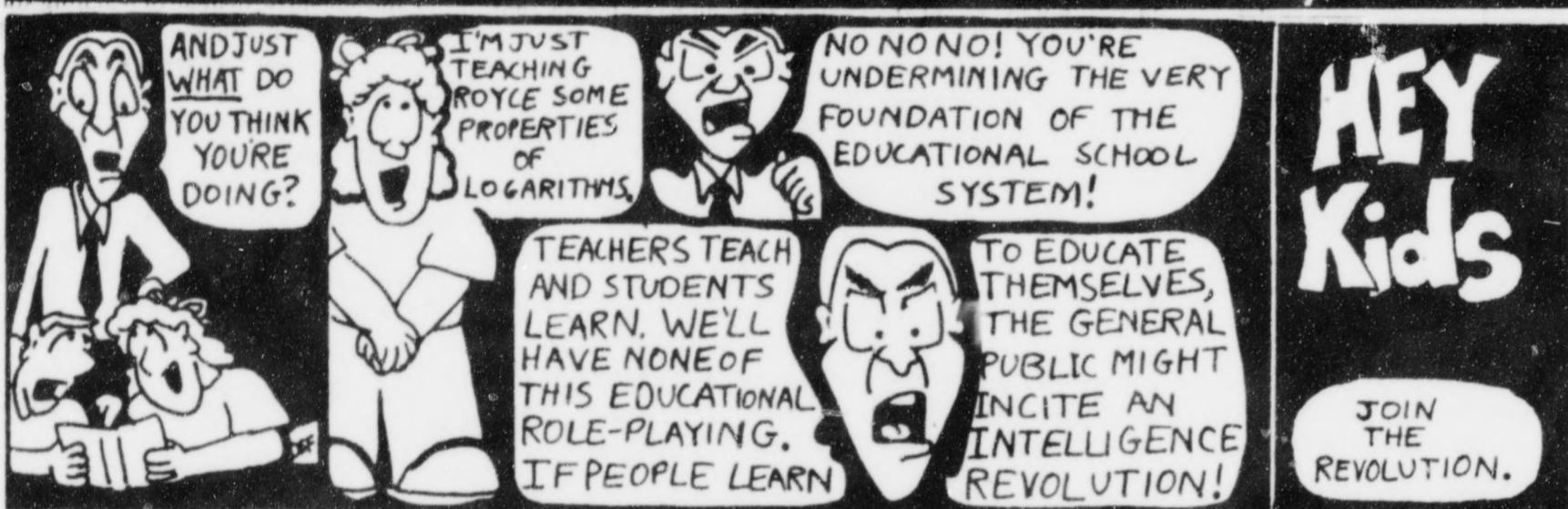
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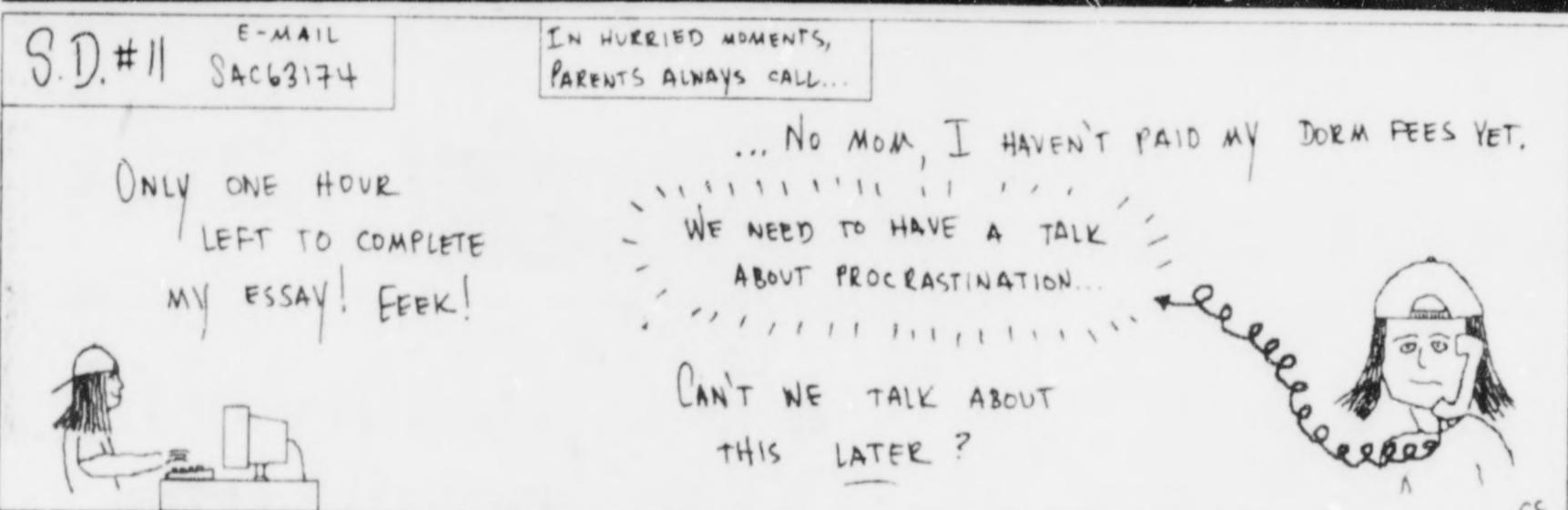
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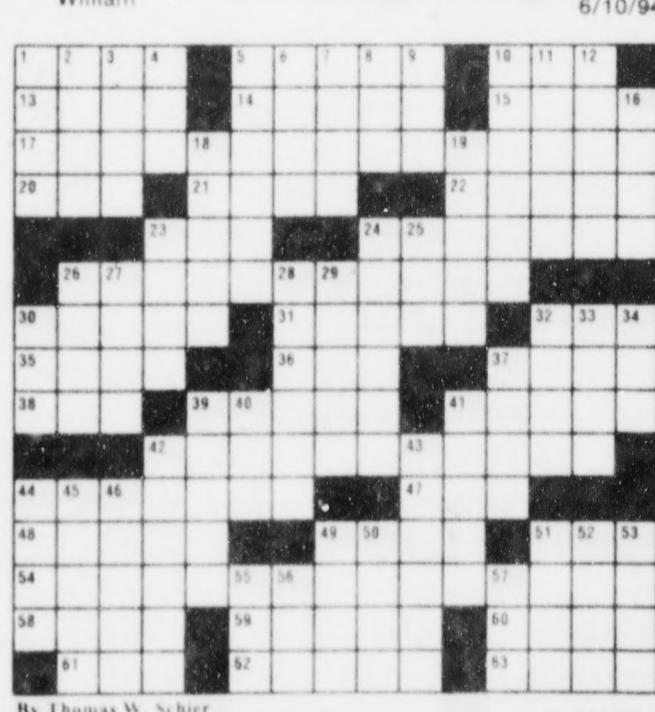


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The days of snail mail are not dead

Good old fashioned 'thumb-tacking' survives busy information highway

By AMY PIKE
HORNET STAFF WRITER

They have been stapled, thumb-tacked, and in some cases glued on. Sheets of paper of all sizes, shapes, and colors posted on circular boards throughout the campus compete for attention, causing those passing by to sometimes pause and curiously glance at their content. More often than not, someone will make a mental note to attend a campus event that looks like it might be fun.

In today's super-information highway, the eight kiosks placed strategically on campus serve a vital purpose and make an interesting side-trail. Up-coming athletic events, lectures, art shows, and various UNIQUE productions, such as plays and band performances, club activities, are advertised days or sometimes weeks in advance on the familiar circular bulletin boards.

Students frequently pause on their way from one class to another, often not looking for anything in particular. The kiosks have been on campus more than 20 years, and despite television, radio, newspapers, and computers, are still functional as a means of getting the word out.

"The first thing we try to have space for is student clubs and activities on campus," said Richard

Schiffers, associate director of the University Union. "Then we also make sure that campus departments are represented, and then off-campus items, with the student ads coming before the commercial things in importance. Commercial things tend not to last very long."

That might be why it seems to Wade Gribaldo as though, "everytime I put (the ads) up, I get a couple of calls, then the next day, they get torn down." Gribaldo is still searching for a roomate through the kiosks, but gets tired of placing numerous flyers up. Items posted on the kiosks do get torn down every few days, but at least this insures that what is on them is current.

Often, in an apartment or roomate search it's a case of caveat emptor, or "let the buyer beware," as the ads posted offer no guarantees or protection for the unwary, a fact that Frank Carranza, also searching for a roomate, is very aware of.

"I put the ads out and get a lot of responses," said Carranza. "The only thing that I get leery of is that anybody can answer these. You never really know if someone could be coming to your house just to check out what you have to rob you later when you're not home."

Graffiti, littering, and other forms

of vandalism are unfortunately becoming more commonplace. Although Student Activities assistants do their best to keep the kiosks and other areas clean, it's a never-ending and thankless task. Their biggest problem, however, is disapproved literature.

"Some of the stuff that goes up there is racist, sexist, homophobic, and very prejudicial," said Schiffers. "We do our best to make sure that these items get torn down as soon as they go up, and we turn them in to Affirmative Action. We haven't caught the person(s) who put this stuff up late at night, but it comes down bright and early Monday morning."

According to Schiffers, to remain on the kiosks, any statement, political or otherwise, must have the name of a group or organization on campus on it in order for it to remain on the board.

Scholarship information, club meetings and different varieties of twelve-step programs are just a small sample of the wide variety of available information that can be found on a kiosk. So if one is interested in finding out what's going on around the campus, it's well worth the momentary pause to look.

Playwrights: professor still lends helping hand

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ter, Larson said.

"There is one play in particular that's going to get performed at the end of November," Farhood said. The play will be directed by James Salter, a

theatre arts major at Sacramento State.

The Playwrights Club offers students who share a common interest in playwriting a good exchange of ideas, Hamdan said. The meetings can be formal or informal and are centered

around the discussion of different playwrights and their original ideas and interpretations, she said.

Besides sponsoring the playwrights club at Sacramento State, Larson has worked with a lot of young playwrights in town since he retired, and his next endeavor is to start a playwrights class or seminar at home.

Larson said that the students are lucky to still have as many theatre professors as they do, "Davis went from 12 to two," he said.

The theatre arts department still maintains the core curriculum of classes fundamental to being trained in theatre, playwriting is additional, said Larson.

"It's a shame they can't afford to keep the playwriting courses. These are not happy times for the students," Larson said.

Profile: Burks' hard work pays off in personal satisfaction

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have paid as much as \$1,500 to \$5,000 for a table or lifetime contribution.

Planning a successful dinner of such grand proportions is no small task. Burks heads 10 steering committees and two chair-groups of volunteers, handles all incoming banquet money, arranges the banquet facilities and the dinner menu in addition to her normal job responsibilities at St. Hope. It is a skill that could land Burks a job in Ringling Bros. Circus juggling six fluorescent balls in the dark.

And Burks juggling skills have certainly paid off. The banquets have repeatedly raised a six-figure amount that contributes to St. Hope's yearly operating cost.

Still, the money raised from the banquet only accounts for about half of the needed operating budget. The rest of the funds are raised by grants from corporations, donations and the considerable amount of money that Johnson puts in himself.

"We are trying to get Whoopi Goldberg to be our special guest speaker for the annual banquet in 1995, but it's still up in the air for right now," Burks said.

Trying to cram so many activities in a 24-hour period, day after day, eventually caught up with Burks. She was forced to take several months off for rest and relaxation when she collapsed from physical exhaustion two years ago.

Burks said she has learned a valuable lesson from the experience. "I know now that I have to take more time to do things that are good for me," she said.

According to her mother, Alice Burks, Patricia has always been a hard worker.

"When she was 14 years old, Tricia volunteered to work at Mather Air Force Base in the hospital's records department. Later when she turned 16, they hired her to work there as a regular employee. She's kept a job ever since," Mrs. Burks said.

If Burks had her own fan club, Jennings and Johnson would probably be two of its first members. "I have a lot of admiration and respect for Patricia," Jennings said. "I think for her to put others first over herself is one of the principles that we are trying to teach our kids at St. Hope Academy. She is an example for others to follow as far as her fortitude, work ethic and her determination are concerned. Those are qualities that she has, that we need others to take a look at and try to emulate."

Burks is proud to be associated with St. Hope and said the academy is effective in helping some of the at-risk youth in the Oak Park community build their confidence to succeed in school and in the world.

"We want our students to graduate from high school and college," said Burks. "We also want them to be good citizens who are able to pay their own bills and raise healthy, well-adjusted families."

Burks makes it a point to have daily contact with as



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Patricia Burks finds time to laugh in her busy schedule.

many of the youths at St. Hope as is possible.

"I always go around during class or at dinner time to see how they are doing. I'll stick my head in the classroom door to see how the classes are going," Burks said. Sometimes she even leads class discussion herself. "There is just something about kids, that makes my heart reach out to them."

Burks said that although Kevin Johnson isn't always in Sacramento, he is always in constant contact with the Academy and his thoughts and prayers are always there.

"A lot of people think that he just lends his name to the program, but he is totally involved. He's the one who came up with the idea for the school, the structure, and he keeps the program focused," said Burks.

But as much as Johnson is the mastermind of St. Hope Academy, Burks and Jennings are the executors of his plan and vision.

While Burks is soft-spoken, she is able to command students' attention just by speaking to them. "Sometimes they have a short attention span and I have to bring them back to what we are studying," said Burks.

"We hope to expand the St. Hope building someday to include more children. For me the hardest part is hearing the sad stories that the children tell me sometimes about the amount of need that is out in the community. Because there is only so much we can do at St. Hope Academy," Burks said. "I just put my faith in God, when things become hard to handle, he's my strength," said Burks who is also the new membership secretary at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

"Children will always come first in my life," said Burks.

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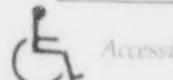
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